

## **SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS**

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Social scientist. PhD qualified research and evaluation analyst with over seven years' workplace research experience coordinating a variety of quantitative and qualitative projects to successful completion. Strong communicator with proven analytical and problem-solving skills. Proficient in data collection, data management, and data analysis (using SPSS, R, Excel, NVivo, and SAS Enterprise Guide).

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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### **Research Officer**

**May 2017-Feb 2020**

**AimHigh; Division of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion; University of New South Wales (Australia)**

- Monitoring and evaluation of educational outreach initiatives (designing quantitative and qualitative data collection tools and dashboards; conducting interviews and focus groups; cleaning and analysing data; and reporting findings and recommendations).
- Analysis and modelling of trends in university application, offer, and enrolment data (identifying data sources; extracting, manipulating, and analysing data using SAS Enterprise Guide/ Excel).
- Using data to advocate for changes to institutional policy and practice to improve access and outcomes for disadvantaged students.

### **Teaching Assistant/ Workshop Tutor**

**Jan 2013-May 2013**

**School of Sociology & Social Policy, University of Leeds (UK)**

- Workshop tutor for second year Research Methods module (quantitative analysis using SPSS).

### **Project Coordinator**

**School of Psychology, University of Sydney (Australia)**

**Mar 2012-Aug 2012**

- Coordinated a complex multi-stranded systematic literature review on suffering in cancer through to on-schedule completion.

### **Project Coordinator**

**Jan 2008-Sept 2010**

**School of Psychology, University of Sydney (Australia)**

- Coordinated a complex multi-site study recruiting and surveying migrant cancer patients.
- Liaising and negotiating with Cancer Registry staff, stakeholders, and participants to set up and implement the study.
- Drafting ethics and funding applications and reports, and study protocol and procedures.
- Budgeting and sourcing additional funding.
- Data management and analysis (quantitative and qualitative) using advanced skills in Access, Excel, SPSS, and NVivo.
- Training and supervising a small team of bilingual research assistants.
- Presenting at national and international conferences and contributing to manuscripts.

### **Research Assistant**

**Feb 2006-Dec 2007**

**School of Psychology, University of Sydney (Australia)**

- Facilitated the smooth running of a longitudinal study of women with ovarian cancer and their partners/carers. The study recruited over 1000 participants from 21 sites.
- Data management and analysis using advanced skills in Access, Excel, and SPSS.
- Responsible for day to day study administration (e.g., sending questionnaires, processing incoming mail, data entry, telephone contact with participants etc).

## EDUCATION

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PhD Sociology University of Leeds (UK) <i>The overseas working holiday and graduate employment trajectories: A cross-cultural comparison</i>	2012 – 2017
MA Sociological Research (with Distinction) University of Essex (UK)	2010 – 2011
B Psychology (Hons, Class 1) Charles Sturt University (Australia)	1998 – 2003
Grad Dip Japanese Hiroshima University (Japan)	1995 – 1996
B Japanese Wollongong University (Australia)	1993 – 1996

## AWARDS

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- University of Leeds Fully-Funded International Research Scholarship
- Japan Foundation Endowment Committee grant of £3,300 to support PhD fieldwork in Japan
- Fuller Postgraduate Prize, University of Essex – best overall performance in coursework & thesis
- School of Social Sciences and Liberal Studies (Honours) Scholarship, Charles Sturt University

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

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Detailed list available upon request.

I have two first-authored peer-reviewed publications and am co-author on a further fourteen. I have presented at national and international conferences, including as an invited speaker. I have led workshops on the use of Access, Excel and Endnote to facilitate research.

**Aldridge L.** (2014). Overseas gap years and working holidays in the UK and Japan: Insights from a comparative approach. 18th ISA World Congress of Sociology, 13-19 July 2014, Yokohama, Japan.

**Aldridge L, McGrane J, et al.** (2010). Unmet needs in Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese), Greek and Arabic-speaking cancer survivors in Australia. International Psycho-Oncology Society 12th World Congress of Psycho-Oncology, 25-29 May 2010, Quebec, Canada.

Best M, **Aldridge L**, et al. (2014). Assessment of spiritual suffering in the cancer context: A systematic literature review. *Palliative & Supportive Care*, **13**(5), 1335-61.

Butow P, **Aldridge L**, et al. (2013). Inferior health-related quality of life and psychological well-being in immigrant cancer survivors: A population-based study. *European Journal of Cancer*, **49**(8), 1948-56.

Butow P, Bell M, **Aldridge L**, et al. (2013). Unmet needs in immigrant cancer survivors: A cross-sectional population-based study. *Supportive Care in Cancer*, **21**(9), 2509-20.

**Aldridge LJ**, Islam MR. (2012). Cultural differences in athlete attributions for success and failure: The sports pages revisited. *International Journal of Psychology*, **47**(1): 67-75.

**Aldridge L.** (2011). Integrating immediate context and enduring dispositions in the explanation of action: An illustration using 'Gone with the Wind'. *The Essex Graduate Journal of Sociology*, **11**: 42-52.